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My dear Count Okuma,

Permit me, as one
of the oldest foreign residents
in Japan, who has enjoyed your
hospitality, and who is familiar
with your career as a Japanese
Statesman, to express my very
deep sympathy with you in
the great personal misfortune
you have suffered, and at the
same time to congratulate you
on the fortunate preservation
of your life from the blood-
thirsty attack of a misguided
and despicable assassin.

There has been an unanimous
sentiment

expressed by the foreign community
here of utter horror and
detestation of the Dastardly
attempt made upon you, and
a universal hope is entertained
that you may speedily recover,
and your country enjoy, for
many years to come, the benefits
of your valuable services in
its behalf.

When I am assured of
your cordialness, and that
you are well enough to be
reunited friends, I shall take
an early opportunity to call
upon you to pay my respects,
and to felicitate you on
your recovery.

Allow me to subscribe
myself

To H. E. Lamb & Co. by dear Cousin & Kinsman.
Per. Per. L. Your sincere friend.
Foreign Office
London
J. H. Brooke